

Grapevine

You are Cordially Invited ...



Brandy, Veterans Home

to the PAWS 10th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, February 23 at the HRA

Appreciation Program at Noon
Dancing to the Blues Brothers band at 1 pm
Come meet the PAWS for Healing Therapy Dogs
Refreshments provided.

Living at the Veterans Home of California in Yountville – February 1, 2008

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By Alan E. Jessen, Director, Residential Care Programs

The reality of America is that we are a quilt of cultures. We are a diversified people representing many races, creeds, and heritage. In years past, many of our parents, grand-parents, and great grand-parents came as immigrants to this country. They established a new, uniquely American tradition of putting aside their past nationalities, languages and allegiances and uniting under one banner, the stars and stripes. When it was called for, they assembled quickly to stand up and go to battle for the foundation of this nation, which is freedom and justice for all. They fought together to earn the freedoms that we experience today.

During my military service, I was amazed at how well the United States military took people from all around our country with vastly different belief systems and cultural differences to make a cohesive fighting force. This incredible mix of men and women representing just about every imaginable race, sex and religion came together for one purpose, protecting and serving our country. In the midst of war, bullets and bombs know no color. Today, the American military, all branches of the service, are viewed as leaders in dealing positively with integration and defeating racism. This is a common background that all Home Members, and many staff who are veterans, can be justifiably proud to share.

The tradition of cohesiveness, mutual respect, and individual liberty runs very deep in our country, our military services, and also at our Home. The Yountville Veterans Home Cemetery is known nationally as the first in the nation not to have segregated burial areas. This Home has traditionally served as a refuge for all veterans who came here from many parts of the country and the world seeking a place where they could be among others who would understand, respect, and support them.

How then, with all of this rich tradition, can it be possible that racial or other prejudice could find a home here? Certainly we don't see any open hostility. However, racism can be as subtle as not welcoming others into our community equally, with a handshake and a smile. This must continue to be a friendly and welcoming place for all brother and sister veterans.

I want to be clear in stating that the policy of this Home, and the high standard that we must all live up to, is that racism and prejudice are not tolerated, and will be dealt with if detected. Every veteran; African American, Asian American, Mexican American, Jewish American; man or woman, who comes to this Home must be greeted and treated the same as any other. We owe this to each other, and to all of those brave and committed Americans who came, and served, before us.

February is Black History Month

“Truth comes to us from the past, then, like gold washed down from the mountains.” –Carter G. Woodson, Ph.D, founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History; originator of Black History Month

Black History Month is the successor to Negro History Week which was initiated on February 12, 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a pre-eminent historian and founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Woodson was concerned that the contributions of Black Americans were overlooked or misrepresented and he began lobbying for Negro History Week as early as 1915. He selected February because it included the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (February 12) and Frederick Douglass (February 14) whom he believed had dramatically impacted the lives of Black Americans.

In 1976, Woodson’s legacy, now renamed the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, successfully lobbied to extend Black History Week into a month-long observance.

Today, school programs, exhibits, essays, and poetry contests are held during Black History Month to dramatize the achievements of blacks and to encourage black children in particular to develop pride in their history.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was celebrated on January 21st. This Federal holiday is to “serve as a time for Americans to reflect on the principles of racial equality and nonviolent social change espoused by Martin Luther King, Jr.” The Main Dining Room treated us to a Southern menu in his honor. Photo by Chris Williams



Watch for flyers about upcoming Black History Month events.

Black History Holidays

Martin Luther King Day – This federal holiday honoring the civil rights leader is observed on the third Monday in January.

Juneteenth – Celebrates the liberation of black American slaves in Texas on June 19, 1865.

Kwanzaa – This African American holiday is celebrated from December 26 to January 1 and honors the values of ancient African cultures.

First Class Delivery

Our Chariots Await

By Chris Williams



The drivers and escorts who transport members to and from Queen of the Valley and St. Helena hospitals assure you that they “have had no falls and have never lost anybody.” That’s because they check and double check. Both drivers and escorts carry lists and constantly cross reference. Kye Campbell Jones and Diane Jiminez cover most of the driving duties with Neil Watts when he’s available.

Now, on to the escorts. “Low-altitude flight attendants” someone called them, but their duties extend beyond that. They are ready to accompany patients to their appointments and wait with them to be picked up. On their trips, they provide a running commentary and the trips always seem short. The entire operation is one of those services the Veterans Home does very well.

Connie Erickson

Corazon Briones

Neil Watts



above: Diane Jiminez

below: Kye Campbell Jones



right: Maria Mendez



This Could be the Start of Something Big

New Band “just happened”

By Chris Williams

Here’s proof that not all bands start in a garage. A few got together, discovered they blended well, and began to entertain. They were rootless and nameless until Special Events Scheduler, Janette Eubanks, dubbed them the “Yountville Home Band” and began to entice them to appear at events in Holderman Hospital. They were a hit at the regular Tuesday and Thursday luncheons in the Hospital Recreation Area, and we hope to see them often.



left to right: Bart Buechner on electric guitar, Bobby Aquilar on drums, Beth Longwell on acoustic guitar, Ann Gilleran on violin, and Matt Mittman on acoustic guitar.



Occasionally Brandy, part-time feature singer and full-time therapy dog, can be seen “jammin’ with the band.”

True, three of them (Ann Gilleran, Matt Mittman and Beth Longwell) are music therapists and we expect talent from them. But they raided “Pathway Home” for their drummer, and enticed Bart Buechner and his bass guitar away from Administration. This quintet is now ready for prime time.

Your reporter requests your help in describing their evolving style. Maybe, “a little bit of rock, a little bit of country, with a dash of Cajun”? Until Nashville calls, Janette is serving as their agent and will keep us informed about their upcoming schedule.

E-Mails containing Threats and Extortion

The FBI has recently received information concerning spam e-mails threatening to assassinate the recipient unless the individual pays several thousand dollars to the sender of the e-mail. The subject claims to have been following the victim for some time and was supposedly hired to kill the victim by a friend of the victim. The subject threatens to carry out the assassination if the victim goes to the police and requests the victim to respond quickly and provide their telephone number.

Warning! Providing any personal information can compromise your identify and open you to identity theft.

If you have experienced this situation, please notify your local, state, or federal law enforcement agency immediately. Also, please notify the IC3 by filing a complaint at www.ic3.gov.

As I See It ... Resisting Change

By Lou Zauner

Photos the Library being moved, by Chris Williams



The Lincoln Library is being moved. Some books will be professionally stored until the Member Services Building is finished with the remodel.

In her column in the last issue of Grapevine, my colleague and canine journalist, Brandy, made an excellent case for accepting change. However, being a creature of status quo, familiar territory, security in knowledge of the present and unadventurous, I am strongly opposed to any change—including the current overhaul of our Recreation Building ... oops ... Member Services Building.

Now I enjoyed Grant Hall. Yes, it got hot during a few days in summer, lacked soundproofing, terrible for picture exposures, but I knew where it was. Likewise, the fitness center, which too had to be closed when the outdoor temperature got a little warm and it did lack health-spa ambiance, but I liked the smell. True, there's still a gym available, but the "nose-stalgia" is gone. (Okay, reread this to get the pun.) And now the Member Exchange (BX) is going to be moved! Of course, the store and products will still be available for purchase as before, but now it's in a new location and I lost my compass. And the Activity Center, the all-too-familiar space, partitions, chairs are gone. But then, signing-up for trips and tours, and all events is easier by phone or E-mail, and tickets are still to be obtained in person; but the old routine-familiarity, pickle-barrel camaraderie and lounging accommodations will all be in the past. So yes, this will all be new and changed for the better shortly— but in the meantime, I'm suffering insecurity!

How great, the good-old-days of radio brought us Jack Benny, but then so did television with visual entertainment and more. So, I guess that was a poor example. But let's take the horse-and-buggy — no gasoline required. On the other-hand, I like the car and comfortable warmth or cool whatever the weather; so you can take the horse-and-buggy. I don't want it anymore.

And how about that small-town friendliness and the charge-account. Do you remember the familiar wire that dispatched your credit transaction through the air by a pulley to the second floor office in Marty's Mercantile; or even the vacuum tube that sucked your invoice and cash to the credit office in Effie's Emporium? Well, the fact is that now the electronic-



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Our Voice in Yountville

By Chris Williams

Veterans Home employee, Lisa Accetola, has been named to the Board of Directors of the Yountville Chamber of Commerce. She is eager to take up her duties and invites us to share ideas with her for the upcoming meeting on February 5th. She will serve as a conduit for information between the Home and Yountville's administration.

The Mustard Festival is imminent, and Taste of Yountville and Yountville Days celebration and parade are highlights of the year. With the move from the

Members Services Building, we can access conveniences in the town. A quick and scenic ride on the Yountville Shuttle will bring us to them. This free service operates Tuesday through Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm from our bus-stops, and a call to 944-1234 will bring them to your door for only one dollar. The Town of Yountville is already familiar with our situation and has offered to share their assets with us. Elsewhere in this issue you will see how to make the most of their library to supplement our own.

Lisa will have more information for us after the February 5th meeting and will update us in the next Grapevine. We can look forward to a new spirit of cooperation with the town and our Home.

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payment-by-credit-card allows you access to any mercantile or emporium—it doesn't restrict you to Marty's or Effie's. It may not be as entertaining but is much faster.

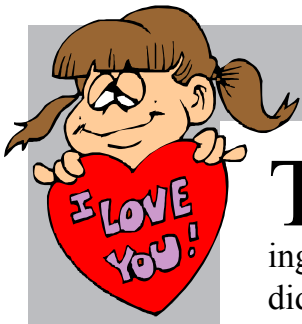
Do we miss the old encyclopedia salesman? The internet has done him in. And now, the post-office has even more competition with the fax machine and Fed Ex.

And, while we're on this good old days journey, do you remember the old ice trucks, before refrigeration took over? Big blocks of ice, in chunks weighing upward from 25 pounds were delivered door-to-door to the household icebox.

So, looking back; I guess I'm too old for the good-old-days. I like the modern conveniences, even though it took some time and getting-used-to. Brandy is right: "Change is Good—and it's going to happen whether we want it or not." Okay, so we know the new Members Services Building will be modernized and immensely improved; and for awhile now it will take that time-tested antidote that comes with maturity—PATIENCE.

Yountville's local events calendar can be found at yountville.com/calendar_events.php





A Valentine's Greeting

from John "Squeaky" Boyner

The following are greetings gathered from some of the Valentine's Day cards sent here to our veteran's on Valentine's Day. Children of many school districts, ranging from 1st grade to 7th; ages 6 to around 12 years old contributed their wishes. We did not any of the spelling.

Dear Vetran: Thank you for dedicating and giving your life for our nation.

Dear Vet: Have a wonderful life, hang in there !!

Dear Vet: I hope you get well soon so you culd join again. Bye bye!

Dear Veteran: Hi! How are you doin? I'm just five, my name is Lauren, and I go to school. Thank you for what you did for our country. I really enjoyed having you do that for me.

Dear Veteran: Read my lips-n-o m-o-r-e w-a-r

Happy Valentines Day you guys! Thanks for winnin the war! Even if you didn't win it.

Dear Vet: Thank you for servicing our country. We hope you liked it

Happy Valentines Day, you're the man

Dear Veteran: It was very nice of you to be brave.

Roses are red, violets are blue, have a good one.

Hi. My name is Josh. I am 10. I have a big dog. He is a Germens Sheperddog. It bit my sister. He will love you to.

Dear Veterans: I hope you are getting better. P.S. Did you fite in the golf war?

Thank you for making us free. Now I can go out and play all the time.

Dear Vet: Thank you for giving your life. It was nice of you thank you for servicing our nation worldwide.

Just for you guys. Let's get ready to rumbel and tumbel and kik that ball.

Dear Vet: Thank you for spending your time fiten and savin peepels.

Dear Veteran: Thank you for fighting in World War Two. That was a bad one.

Thank you for winin the war. Without you we wood have losted.

Thanks for serving in the army with the Mareens.

Thank you for fighting for us. May the Star Wars forces be with you.

Dear Veteran: My dad used to be in the military. I,m 8 years old now. I,m glad he won too.

Thank for the fiten in the wore. No more wore.

More Valentines from the kids -

Hello V.I.P Rose are red, violets are blue, I love you. Veterans are niceopen-open-open.

Dear Veteran: Happy Valintines Day. You are great to have done so much for us. I want to thank you, but I can't think of anything.

Hi. I like you.

Your my best friend. My puppy loves me so I love you.

I appreciate you giving your life for me.

Thanks for supporting our nation. If your wondering what my name is, just look at the end of the back.

Dear Veteran: Thanks a lot, I'm sure.

Veterens are special, they hep are contree.

I hope you don't get hurt saving our country. I sur am glad your alive.

Thank you for fighting. I really appreciate your love! I'm only 11 years old but I'm saying this from the bottom of my heart really.

Thank you for serving in our militarily and all the service of America.

Dear Veteran: Rose are red violets are blue, I wish I could meet you guys what's your name anyhow.

Thank you. You are not forgotten. Look at all the peace we have.

Wow! You are so brave and good. You are special.

Thank you from Joh 3:17. For God did not send his son in the world to codem the world but to save the world, throw him!

My heart pops for you for saven and defenden me.

You saved America. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Dear Veteran: How are you today? I'm fine. Because you saved our country cause I probably would't be hear rite now.

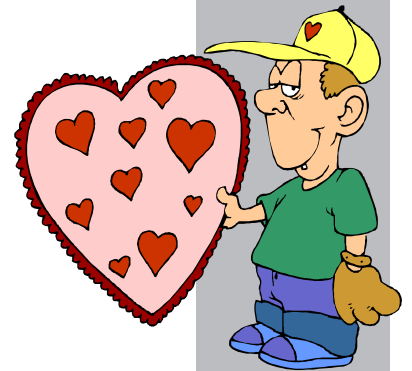
Rose are red violets are blue you are special and so is Garfield.

Thank you for saving our world. We send you all our love for sure.

Dear Veteran: I wish I culd hog you. God is with you whatever you do.

Dear Veteran: I again thank you for saving our country from slavery.

Hi: I hope you seen my picture. I was 10 on Dec 14. That's my birthday you know. I'm 11 years old now. How old are you? 32, 33, 35 or up?



The Intrepid “Go-Getters”

By Lou Zauner

Most of the Home Members are unaware of the generous amount of work that is necessary to plan and schedule the many trips and tours that Home Members are offered by the Activity Department throughout the year. It all begins with a group of 12 volunteers who “Go-Get” the information and offer the suggestions that eventually results in getting the next enjoyable off-campus excursions for those who watch the schedule dates and sign-up in advance.

In addition to offering their knowledgeable ideas for fun away-from-Home sight-seeing, these hardworking Home Member volunteers also provide a resourceful escort pool. The escorts are entrusted with multiple responsibilities to safeguard and account for each and every individual comprising the group on tour. Likewise, the escort is the leader of the group for entrance introductions, obtaining tickets, if required, transportation departure both to and from the event destination, pickup and drop-off sites, providing necessary information as required, and generally responsible for the safety and welfare of all.

The *Go-Getters* meet once a month to formulate the ideas and offer suggestions for the trips and tours. Additionally, past excursions are reviewed, particularly if there were any problems or failures that the group members should discuss to avoid recurrence for future occasions involving the same attraction or similar mishap.

After the trip and destination has been decided, the Activity Department takes over to organize the necessary details involved in providing transportation, ticket purchases if necessary, meal arrangements, announcements, sign-up sheets—dozens of miscellaneous tasks.

For the continued enjoyment and benefit for all Home Members of these trips, tours and all events and the Lincoln Theater performances that require sign-ups or tickets, The Activity Department Message Center Phone 944-4900 can be used to cancel a sign-up if necessary. All activities bear a cost against the funds provided for the Home, and a ticket or space reserved for any individual not in attendance causes needless expense.

standing: James Musson, Jim Looney, Ethel Stanley, Imogene Lambert
seated: Lillian Stilson, Leo Ned, Olga Chanda



News from the Lincoln Library

By the time you read this 2000 books may be in place in the new Lincoln Library location in the basement of Section G. Members need to start returning books they have checked out to the new location. There is a huge amount of books overdue right now.

Library trips to the Napa Public Library are planned but at this date, we do not have confirmation of a driver or a bus. When we have confirmation of dates and times, Activities Department will send out notices and maintain a list of participants.

Trips to either Yountville or Napa libraries can be made by Home Members using the public transportation system – Yountville Transit to Yountville Library and the VINE to the Napa Library.

Napa Library System libraries will require that I.D. be presented (a bill with your address and an ID). Any item that is checked-out under a personal library card will be the responsibility of that Home Member to return it to the library and that person will also be responsible for any fees or fines. The Library will not return items borrowed by Home Members on their personal Napa Public Library Card.

How to apply for a Napa/Solano Public Library Card

You may apply for a full access library card at the Napa Main Library and all branch libraries. The e-card application is available online.

Full Access Library Card

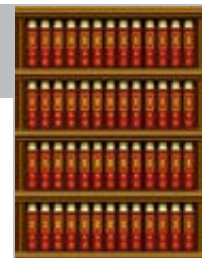
A full access library card is another way to describe the card that we offer all customers who visit a library with positive i.d. and proof of address. It is necessary for e-card holders to fully register for a full-access card in order to check out materials or use the public access computers at the library. Electronic resources cannot be accessed from a library computer with an e-card.

Any California resident may obtain a Napa City-County Library card free of charge by presenting picture identification which verifies his/her name and documentation of current address. A Napa City-County Library card may be used in any library in Napa and Solano Counties. Patrons should always bring their library cards with them when visiting the library. Borrowing privileges may be suspended if excessive charges are on the card. Each patron is responsible for his or her own library card and for any materials or charges incurred on the card. Lost cards should be reported immediately.

E-Card

The e-card allows residents of Napa and Solano Counties (SNAP) to log-in and use our databases and place holds on books from home without first coming into the library. With an e-card, customers can access electronic resources and place holds in the online catalog remotely. The e-card is not available to check out materials or

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"Look! There's a book for me! (purr)" Photo by Nancy Bueno

Looking Out for #1

Something New? Bring It On!

There is an unfounded rumor that cats are sticks-in-the-mud. (No, it's not "stick-in-the-muds"; see how precise we are?) It is said that we don't deal well with a change in circumstances. Well, did you see the recent History Channel program, "After People Are Gone"? It was about how the world would be if all humans suddenly vanished. Pets, particularly small dogs, would be in deep trouble. Housecats would be just fine -- there are plenty of rodents and birds to catch. You see, now, why we don't fawn over you like those silly dogs? We don't really need you. We just keep you around for entertainment.

A PBS special about us was called, "Stroking the Tiger," because, under our beautiful exterior, all our survival instincts are intact. Well, learn from us. With all the changes involved in leaving the Member Services Center, it's important that you keep your life on course and refuse to be discouraged because things have changed. Get out there and take advantage of all the services we are provided.

I'm particularly concerned about the library, tucked away in the basement of Madison Hall. There's a long tradition of "bibliocats" who live in libraries. Dogs can't do that. Who knows what havoc they would cause when left unsupervised?



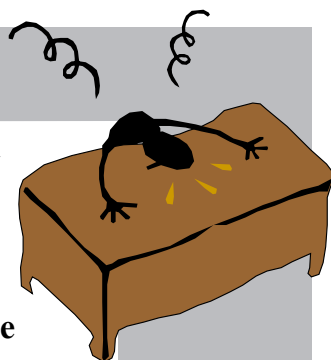
Photos by Neil Remnant

The New "Digs"



It's Tax Time Again ...

You may need to file 2007 taxes if you fall into one of these categories. If you don't, but federal withholdings were taken out of your check(s), you may get money back by filing. Amounts are income other than Social Security or VA pension:



Marital Status	Age	Filing	Gross Income
Single	Under 65		\$8,750
Single	65 or older		\$10,050
Married	Both under 65	Joint return	\$17,500
Married	One 65 or older	Joint return	\$18,550
Married	Both 65 or older	Joint return	\$19,600
Married	Any age	Filing separately	\$3,400

* If you received a packet from G&J Seiberlich, bring it with your 2007 tax documents to Gay Sherman in the Social Work Office, 3E, Holderman. *

February: Gather last year's tax returns and all 2007 tax documents you've received and take it to Gay Sherman in the Social Work office located in Holdermay Hospital on floor 3E. She'll take them to Warren Warner, CPA in St. Helena and bring them back completed. Possible charges, many are free.

February 5 thru April 15: Tuesdays & Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Napa Senior Citizens Center, 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa. Free Courtesy of AARP. Appointment only. Call 255-1800.

Saturday Income less than \$45,000? Tax-Aid, a group of professional accountants will prepare your tax return Free between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Hospital Rec Area. Drop-in (first come, first served)

Anytime:	H & R Block	Ranch Tax Service
(regular charges apply)	3222 Jefferson Street, Napa	4213 Solano Avenue
	Grape Yard Shopping Center	Napa, CA
	255-9477	224-5207

If you have any questions, please call Gay Sherman, Social Work Service, 944-4570, or stop by her office on 3E in Holderman.

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use the library's computer workstations. A full-access library card is needed for these services. If you already have a library card from one of the SNAP libraries, you do not need an e-card. Your library card number can be used to access our electronic resources and online catalog anytime. If you do not have a library card and would like to use our electronic resources and online catalog before your next visit to the library, you may register for an e-card. Due to licensing restrictions for our electronic resources, only residents of Solano or Napa counties can sign up for an e-card.

A Christmas “Thank You”

In December Georgia Anderson, SCC, received over 750 cards for our active service men and women from the Sections, RCFE, and a women’s shelter in Washington. In total we sent 18 boxes of cards, socks, candy, jerky, grooming products, pens, snacks, and more.

We have received a nice thank you note from one of the recipients and Georgia would like to share it with you.

“Dear Veterans of the Veterans Home at Yountville

My name is SSG Cornish. I am the team medic on a Military Transition Team.

We are advisors to the new Iraqi Army. We are making sure that the Iraqi Army is ready to take over when we leave.

I wanted to say thank you for the Christmas box and the cards for me and the guys.

We greatly appreciate your support.

Respectfully,

Leighton Cornish”

Thanks again to everyone who contributed.

President Bush signs H.R. 4986: The National Defense Authorization Act

It is only right that our country responds with compassion when our military men and women return from their tours of duty,” said California Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Tom Johnson. “We are pleased that President Bush signed H.R. 4986 with its provision extending eligibility for veteran medical benefits from two years to five years for combat veterans. America’s heroes deserve nothing less.”

“As H.R. 4986 is implemented, the California Department of Veterans Affairs will work with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to keep the veterans of California informed regarding this important benefit,” Johnson said.

Following is the President’s announcement of his signing H.R. 4986:

Today, I have signed into law H.R. 4986, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008. The Act authorizes funding for the defense of the United States and its interests abroad, for military construction, and for national security-related energy programs.

Provisions of the Act, including sections 841, 846, 1079, and 1222, purport to impose requirements that could inhibit the President’s ability to carry out his constitutional obligations to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, to protect national security, to supervise the executive branch, and to execute his authority as Commander in Chief. The executive branch shall construe such provisions in a manner consistent with the constitutional authority of the President.

George W. Bush, The White House, January 28, 2008.

Follies du Valle 2008

Follies du Valle or don't quit your day job is returning to Lincoln Theater Napa Valley April 4, 5 and 6, 2008. This incredibly funny and zany musical revue starring Napa Valley's own local talent will be a food and wine themed production entitled *Eat Your Heart Out*.

The *Follies* was founded in 1997. Since then hundreds of Napa Valley residents from American Canyon to Calistoga have sung, danced, or worked backstage in the production that our community can truly call its own. Locally scripted, produced and directed, the *Follies* bursts with excitement, energy and talent.

According to the *Follies* creator, Elizabeth Swanson of Swanson Vineyards, "It is a special opportunity to showcase local Napa Valley talent, including vocalists, dancers, actors, comedians and anyone who enjoys being on the stage!"

The show, as always, will be presented at the beautiful Lincoln Theater Napa Valley in April. The *Follies du Valle* is a fundraiser to support the Lincoln Theater Student Outreach Program and the theater's ongoing operations fund.

The *Follies du Valle* kick-off event and auditions will be held February 4 and 5, 2008, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Lincoln Theater Napa Valley. Anyone, including children age four years or older, with an interest in being on stage or behind the scenes is encouraged to come to the *Follies du Valle* kick-off event and auditions to sign up for the rehearsals.

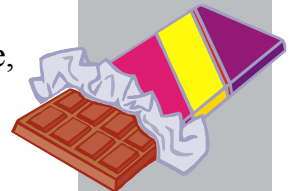
The majority of casting for the show is based on how much time a performer is willing to commit during the seven-week rehearsal schedule beginning February 19. Depending on a person's level of interest, they can rehearse as little as one hour a week or as many as 12 hours per week. Rehearsals will be held at the Rutherford Grange.

Ticket prices to *Follies du Valle* are \$25 for general admission and \$15 for children under 12. Shows are scheduled for Friday, April 4 at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday April 6 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Lincoln Theater Napa Valley box office at 100 California Drive in Yountville, by calling 707-944-1300 or by going to www.lincolntheater.org For more information about Follies du Valle, go to www.folliesduvalle.org

Valentine's Day Candy Grams

Let your valentine know how sweet they are by sending them a CANDY GRAM! Whether it is a Friend, Nurse, Doctor, Co-worker, Boss, Husband, Wife, Sister, Brother or Child let them know they are special. Candy Grams are Hershey Chocolate bars with a personalized wrapper.

They will be selling for \$1.00 each and are available for order at the PIO office starting February 1st - 13th. All proceeds will go towards a Employee Picnic and Employee Christmas Party. Thank you for your support.





Sat, Feb 2 8:00 pm **Classical Concert III: Zuill Bailey, cello & Giora Schmidt, violin** Brahms – Concerto in A minor for Violin and Violoncello, Op. 102.
Sun, Feb 3 3:00 pm Tchaikovsky – Symphony #6 in B minor, Op. 74

Sat, Mar 8 8:00 pm **Classical Concert IV: Soyeon Lee, Piano** Donizetti – Sinfonia ▪ Bolcom – Commedia for
Sun, Mar 9 3:00 pm (almost) 18th Century Orchestra ▪ Mozart – Concerto #20 in D minor for Piano and Orchestra, K. 466 ▪ Haydn – Symphony #104 in D major



Doo-Wop and Pop

By James B. Musson

Remember the Craze of Doo-Wop Daze? Well, with the transition from the Member Services Building to Section F, 2nd floor and to Section G, Doo-Wop has not been heard for awhile. However, starting Wednesday, February 6, 2008, an expanded program will be available every Wednesday in Section F, room 248. Doo-Wop will be from 1:30 to 2:30 pm and Pop, from 2:40 to 3:40 pm.



The Doo-Wop program features, in both audio and video, Rhythm & Blues vocal groups from the 1950s. The Pop program is audio and features popular music broadcast on the radio from 1921 to 1951. Upon its conclusion will be audio recordings of the “Pop Chronicles” broadcast in Los Angeles in 1970, covering the 1950s and 1960s. Altogether that’s half a century of popular music!

It is anticipated that some may wish to hear both programs, so there is a 10 minute break in between. This also accommodates those wishing to hear only the Doo-Wop, the first program, or Pop, the second program.

So please join us for some wonderful, memorable, musical melodies in Section F, 2nd floor, room 248 won Wednesday, February 6th at 1:30 pm for Doo-Wop and/or Pop at 2:40 pm. See you there.

Bejeweled Angel Gala benefits Napa Valley Museum

The Napa Valley Museum will host its annual Angel Gala benefit on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at Copia, the American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts in Napa. Each year, the Angel Gala has been the primary source of funding for the Museum's educational programs, exhibitions and endowment.

Lonne and Don Carr are the Honorary Chairs for this annual black tie event. The theme for this year's event is Bejeweled and will honor Napa Valley arts patron, Margrit Mondavi.

The gala begins at 6:00 PM with a silent auction accompanied by music, passed wine and hors d'oeuvres and a Charbay vodka bar followed by dinner at 7:30 pm. The Angel Gala Award presentation to Mrs. Mondavi and the live auction will take place during dinner. Dancing to The Girlz Band will close out the Gala evening.

The live auction features something for everyone, thanks to the Museum's generous donors and patrons, from private dinners at wineries to getaway packages. Be-fitting the Bejeweled theme of the Angel Gala, Boucheron has donated an 18 carat diamond and gold Delilah bracelet with a retail value of \$19,500 for the live auction. And what would a live auction in Napa be without wine? This year's auction features fine selections from Napa's most prestigious wineries.

Sponsors for the event include Boucheron and Bonhams & Butterfields. Tickets are \$300 per person and all proceeds benefit the Napa Valley Museum. For reservations and information, please call 707.944.0500. A portion of the ticket sale is tax deductible.

Pirkle Jones - Berryessa Valley - The Last Year

On View at the Napa Valley Museum February 23 through May 4, 2008

**Fri, Feb 22
5:30 -7:30 pm** The Opening Reception for Berryessa Valley - The Last Year by Pirkle Jones. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. RSVP at 944-0500.

**Sat, Feb 23
11:00 am** The Napa Valley Museum presents a photographic exhibition of the works of Pirkle Jones. Jones originally collaborated with Dorothea Lange on a Life Magazine commission in 1956 to document the last year of the Town of Monticello in the Valley of Berryessa before it was flooded to become what we know today as Lake Berryessa. A resident of Mill Valley, ninety-four year-old Pirkle Jones says, "some of the experiences have remained vividly in my memory – witnessing the cutting of an ancient tree and the sudden flight of a flock of birds from its branches as it crashed to the ground and at the end of the project, photographing the valley alone in the rain... everything was gone." Free for members, \$5 for non-members. RSVP at 944-0500.



One of the auction items is the gold and diamond Delilah bracelet donated by Boucheron and valued at \$19,500.

Fri, Feb 1
8 pm



The Comets - Tribute to Birth of Rock'n'Roll Arguably the first true rock-n-roll band, The Comets came on the music scene in 1952. With the late Bill Haley, they changed the face of music in the 1950s with hits like "Rock Around The Clock." The five surviving original members reunited in 1987 and have been performing ever since. Come see hundreds of years of collective rock-n-roll experience light up the stage along with Chance Tinder and his "Tribute to Elvis" which has been hailed as "One of the Ten Best in America" by *US Magazine*.

Fri, Feb 8
8 pm
Sat, Feb 9
8 pm
Sun, Feb 10
3 pm



The Mikado Combine Gilbert and Sullivan's masterpiece "The Mikado", one of the most frequently performed pieces in musical theatre history with Opera à la Carte, known as the foremost Gilbert and Sullivan repertory company in the country and you have the ingredients for an unforgettable evening of musical theatre.

"The Mikado as it ought to be..." – Los Angeles Daily News

Thu, Feb 14
8 pm



Rockapella "Some say the best musical instrument of all is the human voice - If you've seen ROCKAPELLA, you know it's the truth", said USA Today. Formed for the sheer love of performing, Rockapella began on New York City street corners with a tip hat at their feet. Now this five-man vocal powerhouse sweeps through sold-out venues year-round. A hot, fast, vocally compelling show.

Sat, Feb 16
7:30 pm



Napa Valley Youth Symphony - Serenade To Youth Come join the *Napa Valley Youth Symphony* in this unprecedented gathering of Grammy Award Winners, Metropolitan Opera Artists, and exciting rising stars in an unforgettable evening featuring Vaughan Williams' gorgeous Serenade to Music and other opera favorites.

Artists include: Two-Time Grammy Award Winner Sylvia McNair; Grand Diva Erie Mills; Gramophone Award Winner Juliana Gondek; Internationally renowned tenor John Aler; A dozen other opera stars!

Sat, Feb 23
7 pm



FROGZ FROGZ has been described as Cirque Du Soleil-inspired acrobatics mixed with Mummenschanz-like mime, set in a unique, yet accessible, French-influenced, avant-garde playground. Created by Carol Triffle and Jerry Mouawad of Imago Theater in Portland, Oregon, FROGZ is an award winning production that promises a wild evening of action and fun.

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Lincoln Theater Programs continued from previous page

Sat, Mar 1
8 pm

SF Opera Center's Adler Fellows The rising young stars of the San Francisco Opera Center will present some of the world's most-loved arias, duets and ensembles in concert and accompanied by a full orchestra. Many past Adler fellows are now counted amongst the most famous names in Opera. Come see, hear and enjoy the future stars of opera.



Sun, Mar 2
5:00 pm
7:30 pm

Ron White - You Can't Fix Stupid One night only, two performances. Irreverent bad boy Ron White will crack you up with a nonstop stream of hilarious jokes and clever observations. As described by *Daily Variety*, "White's inspired comic mind finds a dozen sources of humor where the average comic would find only one or two." In this stand-up performance, he explores the pitfalls of marriage, offers some hysterically funny advice on picking a spouse and introduces the unforgettable "Squirrel Man," plus much more. A well-loved Comedy Central favorite, star of the popular DVD "They Call Me Tater Salad" and the bestselling CD "Drunk in Public", this extraordinary comedian will keep you laughing 'til your sides ache!



Mon, Mar 3
7:00 pm

The Golden Dragon Chinese Acrobats The Golden Dragon Acrobats represent the best of a time honored tradition of Chinese acrobatics more than 25 centuries old. The performers hail from the Hebei province in China and have toured the United States since 1978. The Golden Dragons had their Broadway debut in 2005 and were nominated for two Drama Desk Awards for their performance.



Fri, Mar 7
8:00 pm

The Fab Four Following a wildly popular sold-out Napa Valley debut at Lincoln Theater in April of 2007, The Fab Four returns. This group has taken Beatles tributes to an entirely unprecedented level. With their uncanny, note-for-note live renditions of Beatles songs, The Fab Four will make you believe you are actually seeing the real thing. This loving tribute has amazed audiences all around the world. Come and be amazed!



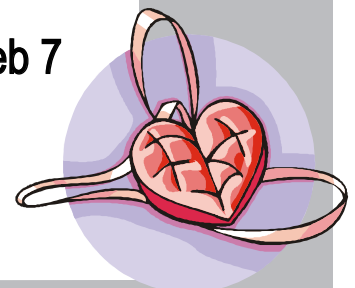
Valentine's Day Jewelry Event

3 Day Diamond & Gold Sale: Tue, Feb 5, Wed, Feb 6, Thu, Feb 7

At the Hospital Rec Area

We offer layaway plans.

Checks, cash and all major credit cards are accepted.



sign up
early



Residential Care Special Events

The Member Services Building is now closed for all activities. The Activities Office has relocated to Section F, Room 236. Because of limited space for waiting, we suggest that you sign up for events by telephone or e-mail. The Activities Office phone numbers are 944-4900 and 944-4901. E-mail may be sent to karen.riddle@cdva.ca.gov. Sign up is available 2 weeks before event. Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly. All activities are subject to change due to bus and driver availability.

February 2008

Date	Time	Event	Bus	Site	Signup
1 Fri	8:00 pm	<i>Birth of Rock & Roll</i>		LT	Yes
2 Sat	9:30 am	Horse Racing	MDR		Yes
	8:00 pm	<i>Napa Valley Symphony</i>		LT	Yes
3 Sun	3:00 pm	<i>Napa Valley Symphony</i>		LT	Yes
5 Tue	all day	Elections		Chp	
	5:30 pm	Pinochle Tournament		HRA	Yes
8 Fri	5:00 pm	Napa Elks Dinner	MDR		*Yes
9 Sat	1:30 pm	NDGW Valentine Tea		HRA	
	8:00 pm	<i>The Mikado</i>		LT	Yes
10 Sun	3:00 pm	<i>The Mikado</i>		LT	Yes
12 Tue		<i>Lincoln's Birthday Holiday – All Offices Closed</i>			
13 Wed	9:00 am	Allied Council		HRA	
14 Thu	10:00 am	Remembrance		Chp	
	8:00 pm	<i>Rockapella</i>		LT	Yes
15 Fri	10:00 am	Costco/Vallejo	MDR		Yes
16 Sat	1:30 pm	Gustavo Romero Concert		HRA	
17 Sun	7:30 am	Napa Sr. Breakfast	MBS		Yes
18 Mon		<i>Presidents' Day Holiday – All Offices Closed</i>			
22 Fri	10:00 am	Fairfield Mall	MDR		Yes
23 Sat	1:00 pm	PAWS Celebration Canteen		HRA	
	7:00 pm	<i>FROGZ</i>		LT	
29 Fri	11:00 am	Bunch for Lunch	MDR		Yes

Key – 1C/1D: Hospital 1C/1D patio; Bor: Borman Field; Chp: Chapel; GH: Grant Hall; HL: Hospital Lobby; HRA: Hospital Recreation Area; Lib: Lincoln Library (Section G basement), LT: Lincoln Theater; MBS: Main Bus Stop; MDR: Main Dining Room; MPG: Main Picnic Grounds; CS/Tav: Coffee Shop/Tavern (Section G main floor); VHC: Veterans Home Cemetery; VGC: Vintners Golf Course; XII: Annex II; Ynt: Yountville; YVP: Yountville Veterans Park.

The Games Room has been closed. Pool tables will be in Ward 4 Activity Room in Holderman. Card games will be in various locations.

***February 8:** Napa Elks Dinner. It is absolutely necessary to sign up for this event if you intend to attend. Anyone arriving at the Napa Elks without a ticket cannot be accommodated.

MOVIE NIGHT Wednesday and Friday nights in the HRA



Fri, Feb 1 – “Bourne Ultimatum”

New (2007) spy action thriller. Third in Bourne series. Stars Matt Damon. Very good action scenes nicely constructed in international locations. ★★ ★

Wed, Feb 6 – “Double Indemnity”

1944 classic murder drama stars Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray. ★★ ★



Fri, Feb 8 – “La Vie en Rose”

New (2007) biographical drama of the troubled life of the great French singer—Edith Piaf. Above average entertainment.

Wed, Feb 13 – “Patch Adams”

1998 film. Cast: Robin Williams, Daniel London, Monica Gunton, Peter Coyte and Philip S. Hoffman. Mostly pleasant drama based on true story of medical student who wants to be a doctor and help people but rejects strict rules and regulations of med school in favor of clowning and making personal connections with patients. Above average movie.



Fri, Feb 15 – “3:10 To Yuma”

New (2007) remake of Glen Ford Western. Stars Russell Crowe and Christian Bale. ★★ ★

Wed, Feb 20 – “Annie Get Your Gun”

1950 Irving Berlin musical. Stars Betty Hutton, Howard Keel, Edward Arnold and Keenan Wynn. ★★ ★



Fri, Feb 22 – “Assassination Of Jessie James”

New (2007) well crafted and acted Western. Stars Brad Pitt and Casey Affleck. ★★ ★

Wed, Feb 27 – “The Electric Horseman”

1979 drama stars Robert Redford, Jane Fonda, Valerie Perrin and Willie Nelson. Above average entertainment.



Fri, Feb 29 – “Into The Wild”

New (2007) drama based on true story of young man who rejects society to live in the wilderness. Stars Emile Hirsch and Hal Holbrook. Directed by Sean Penn. ★★ ★ ½

MOVIE SPECIAL

GRANT HALL
Theater doors open at 5:15 pm
Wednesdays & Fridays

Special selected presentations at 5:30 pm

Feature Film begins at 6:00 pm

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